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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1996.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/017,737
Filing Date	12/14/2001
First Named Inventor	Kazuaki Ano
Group Art Unit	2822
Examiner Name	Lewis, Monica
Attorney Docket Number	TI-33183

This is a Request for Continued Examination (REC) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865. (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b Enclosed
 - i. Amendment 1.116
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103 (c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i) required)
- b Other _____

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3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 20-0668, Texas Instruments Incorporated.

- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Other _____
- b Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed
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In re the Application of:

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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 04/07/03. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action. The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to charge any fees necessary for the filing of the enclosed papers to deposit account number 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.